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Dear Dr. Walser,

Thankyou for updating the patent application. I have read through it again, paying careful attention to the claims section. Everything seems largely in order so I have not sent an updated copy of the document. Rather I will describe my findings below. Everything pertains to the claims:

Claim 10 - I assume it should read: "A method according to"

Claim 11- Part of this claim is not technically correct: a large message would actually never be fragmented in the client manager. When sending a message from client to server, the message would be fragmented in the client library. The individual fragments are passed through to the CM to the MM, and are not reassembled into a single message until arriving MM. Likewise in the other direction, messaged fragmented in them before delivery are not reassembled until reaching the client library. This implies that the JMS conformant client library is proprietary and specific to our server implementation, and as such is an integral part of the messaging system described in the patent. I realize now that this was never stated explicitly elsewhere in the document, and it may be that the claims need to be extended to include the client library as such. Aside from the role that the client library plays in the fragmentation of large messages, it has no special functionality that is required to support the claims made. This is why it was not described explicitly in the design.

Claims 12 and 15: I may be delving too deep into technical detail here, but the wording of "to maintain a connection to at least one... across a multicast communication channel" is not completely accurate. Low level network communication protocols fall into 2 distinct categories, connection oriented and connectionless. All multicast protocols are necessarily connectionless, so I would prefer if the statement could read: "to communicate with at least one ... across a multicast communication channel". (Note that communication between the client and the CM is connections oriented)

Claim 13 Could there be a typographical error here? The phrase "means for enabling the computer to establish a connection to a message client" is repeated.

Claim 17 The means for comparing and acquiring configuration data applies to all nodes, not just message manager nodes.

Best Regards,
 Paul Giotto

Quoting Office-Mail <office-mail@frei-patent.com>:

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